

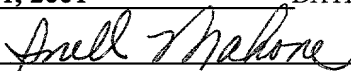
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified
application which is a continuation of Application Serial No.
09/483,676, filed January 14, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Between lines 1 and 2, please insert the following:

--Related Applications

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The aforementioned Application Serial No. 09/483,676 is itself a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/323,326 filed June 1, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,174,313). The aforementioned Application Serial No. 09/323,326 is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/834,835 filed April 11, 1997. The aforementioned Application Serial No. 08/834,835 is itself a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/695,274 filed August 9, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,694,951). The aforementioned Application Serial No. 08/695,274 is itself a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/353,494, filed on December 9, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,577,517). The aforementioned Application Serial No. 08/353,494 is itself a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/134,914, filed October 12, 1993 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,403,317). The aforementioned Application Serial No. 08/134,914 filed October 12, 1993 is itself a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/545,908 filed June 28, 1990 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,269,785). The benefit of the earlier filing dates of the aforementioned Application Serial Nos. 08/834,835; 08/695,274; 08/353,494; 08/134,914 and 07/545,908 is hereby claimed.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 through 35 without prejudice:

Please add the following claims:

36. A method of using body tissue, said method comprising the steps of removing fetal tissue from a first human body by

cutting fetal tissue to separate portions of the fetal tissue from other portions of the first human body and moving the separated portions of fetal tissue along a passage under the influence of suction, and implanting the separated portions of fetal tissue in a second human body.

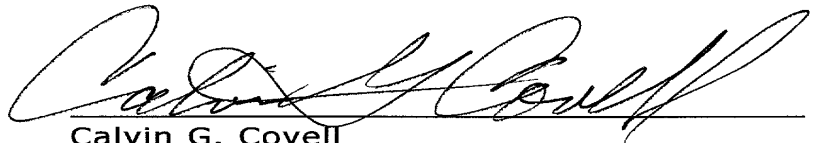
37. A method as set forth in claim 36 wherein said step of removing fetal tissue is performed percutaneously.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted before Action in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorneys in Cleveland, Ohio at 621-2234, area code 216. Please charge any deficiency in the fees for this application to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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